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THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" Yes. A statement [a] showing the fall in sales tax collections in each district from the time of decontrol or closure of the fair price shops, as the case may be, till the end of February 1953, is placed on the table of the House. The fall in collections has been arrived at with reference to the figures relating to the year 1951–52."

Prohibition offences in Visakhapatnam district.

* 542 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state how many were arrested and convicted in the year 1952–53 for Prohibition offences in Visakhapatnam district?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" The number of persons arrested in Visakhapatnam district in 1952–53 for offences under the Madras Prohibition Act was 6,562 and the number of persons convicted, 3,126."

Alleged mismanagement of the Siva temple at Vikramangalam, Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 543 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government received any complaint, dated 24th July 1952, from Sri A. R. Srinivasan, proprietor of Kalpana Photo Studio, Ariyalur, regarding the mismanagement of the Siva temple at Vikramangalam, Udayarpalayam taluk; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" (a) A petition, dated 24th July 1952, from one Sri A. R. Srinivasan was received by Government.

" (b) It was referred to the Deputy Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department, Tanjore, who after making necessary enquiries, framed charges against Sri K. Sivagnana Moopanar, one of the trustees of the Sri Soleeswara temple, Vikramangalam, mainly responsible for mismanagement and removed him from office. One other trustee who was in close collaboration with Moopanar tendered resignation of his trusteeship and has been replaced by a suitable person."

Proceedings against Kisan Sabha workers in Tanjore district.

* 544 Q.—SRI N. SIVARAJ: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) how many proceedings under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code, were lodged in Tanjore district during the years 1952 and 1953 on the Kisan Sabha workers; and

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on page 375 infra.

(b) how many of them were dismissed, how many pending, and how many persons were bound over?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) & (b) During 1952, 39 cases under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code, were initiated. Out of these 19 cases ended in discharge. Action was dropped in 16 cases and 4 cases were pending. No one was bound over during that year.

" During 1953, three such cases were initiated, out of which two are pending. One person has been bound over."

Supply of costly medicines to the N.G.Os.

* 545 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued any circular or orders or directions to the several Government Hospitals in the State, not to prescribe costly medicines to the N.G.Os. and their families; and

(b) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) Consequent on the orders of Government exempting the Non-Gazetted officers and their families from payment of diet charges and the entire cost of special and expensive drugs administered to them in Government Medical Institutions, instructions have been issued to the effect that Medical Officers should not prescribe expensive drugs, tonics, laxatives or other elegant and proprietory preparations for the use of Government servants and members of their families as a matter of course when drugs of equal therapeutic value are available in the Government Medical Institutions."

Restoration of the breached tank in Peddannavaripalli village, Kadiri taluk.

* 546 Q.—SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the scheme to restore the breached tank in Peddannavaripalli village of Kadiri taluk is included in the Budget for 1953–54 for execution; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the scheme and the extent of acreage of land to be brought under cultivation?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) No. It is proposed to consider the question of sanction of the scheme under the Special Minor Irrigation Programme.

" (b) The scheme is estimated to cost about Rs. 3·80 lakhs for works or about Rs. 4·94 lakhs inclusive of direct and indirect charges. The scheme will enable the raising of one crop on an extent of 300 acres and two crops on an extent of 100 acres."